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SUBJECT: JOINT ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP: FCN TREATY

CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SAUNDERS

MOSCOW FOR ATHERTON

1. AS YOU MAY KNOW, AMONG ITEMS BEING CONSIDERED FOR DISCUSSION WITH EGYPTIANS DURING JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS THE POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING DISCUSSIONS OF A FRIENDSHIP COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION TREATY BETWEEN U.S. AND EGYPT. THE IDEA WOULD BE THAT THE U.S. SIDE SUGGEST TO THE EGYPTIANS SOME OF THE PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES OF HAVING SUCH A TREATY AND GIVE THEM COPIES OF STANDARD FCN TREATIES RECENTLY CONCLUDED WITH WEST GERMANY, IRAN, MUSCAT AND OMAN. IF THE EGYPTIANS TURN OUT TO BE INTERESTED, FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN DIPLOMATIC RATHER THAN JOINT COMMISSION CHANNELS.

2. BEFORE AGREEING THAT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE TABLED WITH
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EGYPTIANS DURING FORTHCOMING MEETINGS, DEPARTMENT WOULD

APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY EGYPTIAN REACTION TO THIS PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER SADAT AND FAHMY MIGHT BELIEVE THAT SIGNATURE OF A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT NOT PUT EGYPT TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES IN

THEIR TIES WITH THE U.S. OUR OWN BELIEF IS IF DONE IN LOW KEY MANNER THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT BE WORTH FLOATING. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION OF TIMING OF THE SIGNATURE OF AN EVENTUAL FCN TREATY WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT, THOUGH INITIATION OF QUIET DISCUSSIONS AT THIS STAGE MIGHT NOT PROVE CONTENTIOUS. HOWEVER, BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THIS IDEA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR VIEWS.

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